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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chiefs, FDS and EE

FROM: FDS, [] and []

SUBJECT: The Use of Eastern Ukrainian DP Interrogators by MIS

Problem: There is no indication that any men from Eastern Ukraine have been recruited by the MIS as interrogators.

Discussion: The Ukrainians in this MIS group are from Galicia (Western Ukraine). In the event of war with the Soviets, most of the Red Army personnel captured by or deserting to U.S. troops will be Eastern Ukrainians. It is therefore essential, if good rapport is to be established with them, that they be interrogated by natives of Eastern Ukraine. This is suggested not because Ukrainians of the east or the west are different, but because Soviet propaganda, until recently, has been degrading to the Galicians and remnants of this propaganda may still be retained by some easterners. Since the men of the MIS are westerners, they will not be as effective as easterners would be.

Recommendations:

1. Recruit eastern Ukrainians into the MIS interrogation unit. Likely candidates can be procured by contacting the pastors of Ukrainian Orthodox churches, especially in centers like New York, Philadelphia, Detroit and Chicago. The person making the contact should specifically ask for men from Eastern Ukraine.
2. Possible recruits could be chosen from a list of Eastern Ukrainians of draft age, ref. memo of 16 May 1951 from OO/C 48848 to AD/PC.
3. It is suggested that these recruits be thoroughly screened.

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